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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-128-A)**

In re Application of:)
Flavin et al.)
Serial No.: 10/087,102) Examiner: Heather Calamita, PhD
Filed: March 1, 2002) Group Art Unit: 1637
For: Automated Technology of) Confirmation No.: 4193
Screening of Stationary Phases)

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION
MAILED JULY 23, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in response to Office Action mailed July 23, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. This submission is in the format of 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (2004). Following the recitation of amendments, the Applicants address the Examiner's rejections as put forth in the Office Action.

A petition for a three-month extension of time is filed with this Office Action response, thereby extending the due date to January 24, 2005. The Applicants therefore submit that with the petition, this response is timely.